

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-18, 22-42, 44-47, 49-59, 61, 63-65 are canceled. Claims 19-21, 43, 48, 60, 62 and 66 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The rejection of claims 1-18, 43-46, 48-65 under 35 USC 103(a) is withdrawn because the teachings of Lai et al in view of Straham et al are not obvious for the production of a pig as instantly claimed.

Rejection of claims 43, 48, 60, 62 under 35 USC 103(a) are withdrawn.

Correction of inventorship

In view of the papers filed 04/28/2010, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by adding David A. Ayares as a joint inventor in the application.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of Office records to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Magdalene K. Sgagias whose telephone number is (571)272-3305. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5:30 PM.

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